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SUBJ: BOPHUTHATSWANA INDEPENDENCE

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1. SPEAKING TO 400 PEOPLE AT A CAMPAIGN MEETING IN MARAPAYANE ON AUGUST 13, CHIEF MINISTER LUCAS MANGOPE ANNOUNCED THAT BOPHUTHATSWANA WILL PROCEED WITH INDEPENDENCE. THIS WAS MANGOPE'S FIRST REPORTED STATEMENT ON THE QUESTION SINCE HIS MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER ABOUT A WEEK PREVIOUSLY. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, MANGOPE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED THAT FIVE TSWANA TRIBES IN THE MORELETE NO. 2 AREA WILL NO LONGER BE MOVED IN AN EFFORT TO CONSOLIDATE TSWANAS INSIDE BOPHUTHATSWANA, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY PLANNED.

2. COMMENT: MANGOPE HAS APPARENTLY NOT SUCCEEDED IN WINNING SAG CONCURRENCE ON LAND CONSOLIDATION AND CITIZENSHIP, THE TWO KEY ISSUES WHICH PREVIOUSLY APPEARED TO BE IMPEDING PROGRESS TOWARD "INDEPENDENCE." WITH THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN NOW UNDERWAY, WE CAN EXPECT

TO HEAR MORE, SOMETIMES CONTRADICTORY, STATEMENTS FROM
MANGOPE CONCERNING THE INDEPENDENCE ISSUE. SINCE
ONLY HALF OF THE SEATS IN THE FUTURE ASSEMBLY ARE TO
BE POPULARLY ELECTED, HOWEVER, THE ACTUAL OUTCOME IS
NOT IN DOUBT.
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